GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA

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TILTING OF MINARETS AND TOWERS
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether some of the minarets and towers in the centrally protected monuments in the country are reported to be tilting;

(b) if so, whether any study has been conducted in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the outcome thereof; and

(d) the preventive measures taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER FOR TOURISM AND CULTURE (SMT. AMBIKASONI)

(a)to(c) There is no information that the minarets and towers of any of the protected to monuments are tilting. Archaeological Survey of India has taken up a detailed study on the stability of the minarets of Taj Mahal by Geodetic and Research Branch of the Survey of India, Dehradun. The study has revealed that the minarets are stable and there was no tilting. Seismic studies on the Qutb Minar are in progress.

(d) Does not arise.